

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Storage

Examiner: Hyun, Paul Sang Hwa

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated December 21, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-43. Based on the division between apparatus and method claims, it is believed that the Examiner intended to include apparatus claims 51-56 in the same group, and Applicant's election is premised on this assumption, and is otherwise without traverse. Method claims 44-50 have been canceled, as reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 3. Remarks begin on page 9.